

# The Flight Line

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## Float Fly at Lake Taconic

By Ed Perls

Photos by Lou Callan

Saturday started off badly for the intrepid pilots who trekked up to Lake Taconic. It was the May Float Fly so the weather as in previous years had to be bad.

Jerry, the organizer of the event, got lost. He ended up at the Northway before he realized that he had overshot the park exit.



I managed to get my Sikorsky off in the wind and choppy water conditions, but the flight was short lived. A few seconds after takeoff the plane wobbled and I found control difficult. Not knowing whether it was the wind or a control problem, I landed immediately and started to taxi back when the engine quit. After about fifteen minutes, the plane finally drifted back to shore and I found that the aileron push rod had come loose.

Things improved when Bill pulled off a nearly perfect flight, only to have his yellow bird's engine quit, forcing him to make dead-stick landing, then row out to retrieve it using the park supplied rowboat. His second flight went well with some aerobatics thrown in and, after a perfect landing, taxiing back to shore. This was the

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## President's Corner

By Bob Magee



**W**indy enough for you...? The last two months have been unbelievably windy. April I can understand, but all of May! We are due for some extended periods of tranquil weather.

The next three club meetings are at the field. That is, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>. The meetings

will start after the flying stops around 8 PM. So come on out early, get some stick time and then we will have a short business meeting if, in fact, there is any business to take care of. There are no rainout dates for these meetings.

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best flight of the day.

Next, Jerry had a shot with his newly floated trainer. After a somewhat hairy takeoff, he flew the trainer around nicely for about five

minutes when the engine suddenly quit. He had to make a forced landing, unfortunately not quite into the wind with one wing low...a Chinese landing!!! He retrieved the damaged plane with the rowboat. Only a float fitting was broken, but the engine froze up putting the plane out of action for the remainder of the day.



By 10 o'clock the wind had become stronger and quite gusty, giving Al and Lou a hard time with their lightweight electrics. Al got off OK but stalled out after a few seconds and had to make a 'rowboat retrieval'. Lou had a similar experience with his electric.

Lou also brought out his flying boat, whose engine proved to be cranky, just like the



weather, and wouldn't start. Further attempts to fly the electrics proved fruitless as the planes blew over onto their backs.

Jerry's speedboat had its share of problems. After many attempts, with engine only running in short bursts he finally gave up.



We were not without spectators. Cub Scout Pack 145, about twenty of them, all the way from Pine Plains, on bikes, visited us for a while but got bored and left.

There was also a grandfatherly type there, with his two grandsons that watched the drama of the day's doings but just sat quietly.



Lou took pictures. We got plenty of exercise rowing the boat. Dick, who didn't bring a plane, enjoyed the spectacle, I'm sure!

**You've got to love this hobby!**

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The club picnic is scheduled for Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM with a rainout date of Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. The club will supply the grills and charcoal, the rest is up to you. Bring a few extra hot dogs for those who forget. We will discuss the events that are to take place at the next club meeting, June 2nd.

We are proceeding on schedule with the Rhinebeck Jamboree pre-event activities. Whitney has been very active and very successful in securing donated prizes. The registration and mailing list activity is also progressing. Start thinking now about how you will personally support the club effort at Rhinebeck this year. There is plenty to do both on and off the field, before, during and after the event. Just keep in mind that the Rhinebeck profit pays for the Hopewell field rental every year. Rhinebeck is not about a Scale Contest; it is about making some substantial money to support the club/field. I am a Sailplane flyer, as you know. I do not particularly care about scale or WWI events but I support Rhinebeck because it makes substantial money for us. How about the rest of you guys...? If you don't know how to get involved, see Bill Winkler, Whitney Philbrick or myself and we can help you get involved for whatever time period you can spare. There is likely to be more work than usual this year doing the necessary field prep.

There is not much new to report on the new field search committee. We definitely have Hopewell this year as you know. The decision as to whether we fly at Hopewell next year is up to Toll Bros. Inc. and we will not know our fate until at least November of this year. There are no real front running alternatives right now in Southern Dutchess that would be capable of containing all the flight disciplines of the club. If you know of a potential site, let us know so that we may approach the owners etc.

Fly safe and stay clear of the South end of the field and the adjacent shopping center. Enjoy.

## The Flight Line

This is a monthly publication of the Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society, an organization established for the promotion of the hobby of radio-controlled model aircraft.

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Regular club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rt. 82, one mile north of Rt. 55 in LaGrange, NY at 7:30PM. Check calendar for any changes to location or time.

FLIGHT LINE submissions are preferred as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint or .jpg, but are also accepted as ASCII, email text, other word processing file, typed or handwritten. Input must be received by the 20th of the preceding month to be considered for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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### Hopewell Field Reminders:

- ✓ Sunday mornings, No gas-powered flight of any kind permitted on the field until 1PM.
- ✓ Thursdays, Sailplane and Electric ONLY from Noon to 4 PM. Flight Training 5 PM to dusk. Signed off members are not permitted to fly their personal models during this period unless there happens to be no students).

# June 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Flight Training, 5PM	2 Regular Club Meeting, Hope- well Field, 8PM	3
4	5	6	7	8 Flight Training, 5PM	9	10  Club Summer Pic- nic, Hopewell Field, 10AM - Dusk
11	12	13	14	15 Flight Training, 5PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Flight Training, 5PM	23	24 Central CT RC Club 5th Annual Multi- Wing Fly In (see May Flight Line for details)
25	26	27 Board Meeting, 7:30PM	28	29 Flight Training, 5PM	30	

<b>JUL</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	Flight Training, 5PM	<b>SEP</b>	1	Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, 7PM	<b>NOV</b>	3	Regular Club Meet- ing, 7:30PM
	7	Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, 8PM		7, 14, 21, 28	Flight Training, 5PM		21	Board Meeting, 7:30PM
	25	Board Meeting, 7:30PM		8-10	Rhinebeck Jamboree	<b>DEC</b>	1	Regular Club Meet- ing, 7:30PM
<b>AUG</b>	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Flight Training, 5PM		30	Float Fly (Oct 1 rain date)		8	Christmas Party, Umberto's
	4	Regular Club Meeting, Hopewell Field, 8PM	<b>OCT</b>	4	Regular Club Meeting, 7:30PM		12	Board Meeting, 7:30PM
	22	Board Meeting, 7:30PM		24	Board Meeting, 7:30PM			

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**Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society -**  
**General Club Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2006**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOB MAGEE ( PRESIDENT) (TIME 7:40 P.M.)  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS PRESENT: 22

MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL WERE SENT OUT IN AN E-MAIL, VOTED ON & ACCEPTED

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN & ACCEPTED

MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 102 (BILL WINKLER)

FLIGHT TRAINING HAS BEGUN 2 STUDENTS & 6 TRAINERS

SAFETY REPORT: GOING WELL. STAY AWAY FROM THE SOUTH END OF THE FIELD  
NOTE: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED AT THE FIELD AT ANY TIME, IT WOULD VOID OUR INSURANCE (BOB MAGEE)

NEW WEB SITE IS GOING WELL (EVENTS CALENDAR HAS BEEN UPDATED)

NEW FLYING FIELD SEARCH IS ONGOING

FLOAT FLY: MAY 20TH. RAIN DATE MAY 21ST. & SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>, RAIN DATE OCT. 1ST. (JERRY ROHLING)

NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT

INDOOR FLYING: A DATE WILL BE SET UP FOR A STATIC DISPLAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT FISHKILL HS.

HOPEWELL FIELD: THE FIELD HAS BEEN SEEDED AND ROLLED. FURTHER WORK WILL BE DONE ON THE RUTS IN THE ROAD. ALSO BEING LOOKED INTO IS AN ADDITION TO THE SHED (OVERHANG ON THE SIDE).

PROJECT NIGHT: THERE WERE 7 PLANES DISPLAYED

RHINEBECK FUN FLYS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL WE LEARN OF THE STATUS OF THE AERODROME.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE HOPEWELL FIELD WEATHER PERMITTING. A NEW BARBECUE GRILL HAS BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE FIELD.

THE X-MAS DINNER WILL BE AT UMBERTOS ON 12/8/06

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

AFTER MEETING DEMONSTRATIONS:

WHITNEY PHIBRICK DID A DEMONSTRATION OF SPRAY PAINTING AND MASKING PREPARATION. ALSO DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPRAY EQUIPMENT AND PAINTS.



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